

## CAPITOL CHIPS.

## NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATION

A Republican Caucus Held—The Question of the Introduction of Taxation Discussed—Orders from the Several Departments—The Bills Announced

The examination of Commissioner Trescott of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which was to take place to-day, has been postponed.

The President has approved the joint resolution for the printing of the memorial address on the life and character of James A. Garfield, and the joint resolution extending the fishing season on the Potomac River in the District of Columbia.

The writ of mandamus issued on the Commissioner of Patents to show cause why he should not issue a patent to Horace Koechlin and Otto Whit was argued in the general term, and the writ was dismissed, the court holding there was no cause.

The Attorney-General has issued an order

Mr. Voot yesterday gave notice of his intention to offer a substitute for the bill now on the Senate calendar to extend the charter of national banks. His proposed substitute substantially measures the measure introduced in the House by Representative Wheeler in February last.

toquy which occurred in the House Tuesday between Mr. Cox, of New York, and himself. It was made up of a little scamp of a man, and Mr. Cox says he did not hear any such expression. It was so reported by the Associated Press.

The *Globe-Democrat* says: "News comes from Washington that General John S. Caverider is decidedly ahead in the contest for the collectorship of customs, in place of Mr. St. Gem, whose term has about expired. The Republicans of St. Louis will welcome this intelligence, and hope that it may prove true in the end."

A patent has been issued from the Land Office of the United States Department of the Interior.

The Senate in executive session Wednesday confirmed the following nominations: E. I. B. Harrison, of Louisiana, to be secretary of legation at Paris; John W. Howell, collector of customs at Fernandina, Fla.; Thomas Wing, of Illinois, register of land-office, Proctor, Arizona. Postmaster—C. F. Mann, Bergen Point, N. J.; Matthias Wool-

The following members in the graduating class of cadets in the revenue marine service have successfully completed their final examination, and are now eligible for appointment to the grade of third lieutenant in the revenue marine service: George A. Starkweather, of Wisconsin.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate yesterday: Postmasters—George

Jamstown, Mass.; John H. Cogswell, Ipswich,  
 Mass.; Joseph E. Hood, Danvers, Mass.; Darwin  
 Hamilton, Greenfield, Mass.; Frank O. Cham-  
 lain, Canandaigua, N. Y.; E. W. Cushman, Ha-  
 lltou, N. Y.; Lambert L. Mulford, Salem, N. H.;  
 Mrs. Susan B. Hart, Wellsborough, Pa.; Joseph  
 Logan, Milton, Pa.; C. G. Burnett, Henderson  
 Texas; Charles Holden, Jr., Alton, Ill.; Charles  
 Williams, Lancaster, Ohio; John C. Williams,  
 Crestline, Ohio.

Mr. Beck gave notice in the Senate yesterday

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The Franklin Institute of Pennsylvania recently sent a committee, consisting of Messrs. Thomas Shaw, G. Morgan Eldridge, and Prof. Edwin J. Houston, of Philadelphia, to visit Washington and oppose the passage of a certain bill known as House Bill No. 6,018, which proposes

In pursuance of this object, the committee has held a conference yesterday with a number of prominent patent lawyers of this city, and discussed with them the objectionable features of the pending measure. It is felt that the remedy in this suit has been against, or damaged, the claims of the user of any patented article or device, provided such article or device shall have been purchased by the user in open market for a valuable consideration. The committee maintained that the virtual effect of the provision would be to encourage infringement and to impair, if not destroy, the value of the patent.

This city who participated in the conference generally concurred. Subsequently the committee had a long interview with Hon. E. M. Macomber, Commissioner of Patents, who said, in substance, that he was opposed to this particular bill. He thought some legislation was needed for the protection of innocent users of patented articles. The committee will call upon the Senate Committee on Patents to-day.

members being present, Representative Hobbs of New Jersey, presiding. The discussion (which continued until 11 o'clock), was confined to interchange of views on the subject of reducing internal revenue taxes, as contemplated by the "Kelley" bill. After a few preliminary remarks by the chairman, in which he stated that his object in calling the session was not the enactment

relative to the bill and thus avoid the delay which would otherwise be incident to consideration by the House. Mr. Kelley made the opening speech. He advocated the passage of the bill, and asked the party to allow it to be considered without amendment. A protracted discussion ensued, in which Representatives Keaton and McKinley advocated the bill and Rep-

posed it. Representative Page said he was opposed to the passage of any bill whatever looking to a reduction in internal-revenue taxes. Representatives Hazelton, McCook, and others, while favoring a slight reduction, were opposed to any reduction of the taxes on whisky and cigars, believing that if any reduction were made should be upon sugar and articles of necessity rather than upon luxuries, particularly those which could so easily sustain the burden of taxation, as whisky and tobacco.

agreed to pass a measure containing the first section of the Kelley bill, which proposes to remove tax on bank checks, bank deposits, bank capital, and proprietary medicines, and that second section, which proposes to reduce the tax on cigars and the special taxes on cigar and whisky dealers, be rejected. Representative Robinson, of Ohio, moved to amend by striking out the provision relating to bank deposits.

Representative Maslow then moved strike out "lack cardinal," which was agreed to—49 to 11. Pending a motion on the original proposition of Representative Haskins amended a motion to roll was put and carried. The general sentiment, as indicated by the tenor of the discussion is, evening, was decidedly opposed to any sweeping reduction of inter-

ment was ordered for the purpose of further considering the subject at another caucus, which will be held in a few days. It is believed that the party will agree to pass a bill at this session moving the tax upon bank deposits, bank exchanges, and proprietary medicines, but that action will be taken on the other features of the Kelley bill.

Several allegations have been made in the New York papers of irregularities in the impaneling the jury in the star-route cases, and in reference to these Deputy Marshal Williams authorized the statement that the talesmen were selected in strict obedience to the orders of the court. These orders were

wherever they could be picked up. Acting upon these orders, Hugh J. Murray was chosen from among the spectators in the court-room. Mr. Williams further says, referring to the charge to Stephen W. Dorsey was allowed to see this man in the Marshal's office, that Murray was taken into the Marshal's office, but placed rectly before the court.

The President sent the following nomination to the Senate yesterday: To be members of the tariff commission—William A. Wheeler, of New York (chairman); John L. Hayes, of Massachusetts; Henry W. Oliver, jr., of Pennsylvania; Austin Earl, Jr., of Illinois; Jacob Ambler, of Ohio; Jos. S. East, of Missouri; Robert E. Porter, of

Georgia, and Duncan F. Kenner, of Louisiana.